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In re Application of :
Sanford M. Stevenson et al. :
Application No. 09/652,272 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filing Date: August 31, 2000 : UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(B)
Attorney Docket Number: 1843-A- :
DIV-CIP-DIV :
Title: METHOD FOR REMOVING METAL :
COMPOUNDS FROM WASTE WATER :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR §1.137(b)¹, filed June 20, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action, mailed November 18, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. An amendment was received on May 23, 2005, along with a three-month extension of time. On September 15, 2005, a notice of non-compliant amendment was mailed, which set a one-month period for response. An amendment was received on March 16, 2006, along with a five-month extension of time. On March 29, 2006, a Failure to Acceptably Respond to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed, which failed to set a new period

¹ A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) The reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed;
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m);
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional, and;
- (4) Any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

for response. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on March 16, 2006.

With the present petition, Petitioner has submitted the petition fee, the fee associated with the filing of a statutory disclaimer, the proper statement of unintentional delay, and an amendment. Petitioner has met all requirements for a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b). As such, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The Technology Center will be notified of this decision. The Technology Center's support staff will notify the Examiner of this decision, so that the amendment which was received with the present petition can be processed.

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